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The orchestra rendered a galop, "Lions' Chase," after which Miss Mattie Perry gave a recital, "Queen Esther before the King"—an effort of a character new to Paw Paw graduates. The well known, touching story was told in Miss Perry's own language, and furnished opportunity for some effective recitation, and the delivery was in such a feeling manner as to move the sympathies of the audience into the very spirit of the recital.

Charles M. Waters gave a well prepared oration on "The Cuban Question," dwelling on the heroic efforts of the Cuban patriots to throw off Spanish oppression. He had full faith that Cuba will at last be successful and that, sooner or later, annexation to the United States will follow.

A Spanish serenade, "La Paloma," was then rendered by the orchestra. Miss Winnifred E. Woodman recited a poem, "The Gift of Growth." The poem was a much more perfectly written production than most of the poems written at graduation time, and showed that Miss Woodman has poetic talent of a high order. Her recital of the poem was perfect.

Herbert E. Swan gave the president's address to the class, urging them to renewed activities in the fields of improvement, education and advancement. He bade farewell to the class of '96, at the close of their school days, in well-chosen words. He thanked the teachers and the board of education for their labors in behalf of the school and their class in particular. The address was interesting and good in all respects.

Mrs. E. H. Harvey, accompanied by Mrs. G. F. Harrison, sang a solo, "The Erl King," in her usual faultless style and was liberally applauded.

Miss Mary E. Knapp's oration, "Immortality in Literature" was the last of the class productions. She carefully analyzed the elements that enter into enduring fame in the realm of literature. Success for the age in which one lives is not greatness. She thinks poetry the natural field for literary immortality. The successful and perfect delineation of human character by our greatest writers was referred to. The oration was a credit to its author.

Mr. R. W. Broughton, secretary of the school board, conferred the diplomas. The orchestra gave another descriptive fantasia, "Day with a Circus," in which the animals were turned loose in musical profusion. The benediction by Rev. H. W. Harvey closed the program.

The ladies of the class of all appeared in gowns of white except Miss Knapp, who wore pink. It is needless to say they were charming—indeed, the "sweet girl grad" is always pleasant to look upon. The young gentlemen are all fine, manly appearing fellows. Every member of the class acquitted himself with honor. It is safe to say the Alma Mater will never have occasion to be ashamed of the class of '96, one of the largest and brightest ever graduated from the school, or of any individual member of it. May success follow them.

The Alumni.

The alumni reunion and banquet was held at the opera house Friday evening and was a very pleasant affair. The reception was held on the stage, the rear entrance being used. At 6 o'clock, to the strains of a march played by Miss Floy Snow, the company marched to the tables. The tables were elegantly set and neatly arranged. The main tables were set in the shape of the letter "T," the top of the letter being towards the stage, the speakers of the evening being seated there, at the head of the hall. Side tables were spread at either side of the main ones. Beside each plate was a dainty menu card and program. Ninety-one of the alumni and their guests sat down to supper.

The toastmaster, Chas. T. Mason of Chicago, took charge of the evening's exercises and performed his duties most acceptably.

The only things that marred the pleasure of the banquet were the inability of the president, Mr. Bert P. Bryar, to be present and deliver his address, and of Mr. Marquis B. Eaton and Mrs. H. W. Harvey to respond to the toasts that had been assigned to them. These three were unavoidably detained from the banquet.

The first number on the program was a piano duet by Mrs. F. B. Bassett, '76, and Miss Lotta Showerman, '94. Then Miss Ruby Neville gave an excellent vocal solo, after which Miss Lena Wise, '94, the essayist of the association, read an entertaining production on "The World's Fair," as a ground work for a discussion of the marvelous progress and possibilities of this country of ours in particular, and of civilization in general. It was an excellent essay in all respects.

After a magnificent piano solo by Miss Floy Snow, Mr. Roscoe W. Broughton, '71, the orator, was introduced and spoke of "The Man of Today." Mr. Broughton spoke in his usual pleasant manner, and his oration was one of the best ever delivered before the association.

Miss Mattie Cooley, '94, sang a fine solo, when supper was served, with the following excellent menu:

MENU.	
Consomme a la royale.	Garnished Tongue.
Cold Boiled Ham.	Pickles.
Bread and Butter.	Potato Crisps.
Chicken Salad.	Sauces.
Ice Cream.	Olives.
Ambrosia.	Assorted Cake.
Cafe Noir.	

The banquet was elegantly and promptly served, and was one of the finest suppers the association has enjoyed. It was very creditable to the ladies of the Free Baptist church, who prepared it.

After the repast was completed, Miss Lotta Douglas, '89, welcomed the class of '96, "the best class that ever left the school." A very fitting response was made on behalf of the new class by Lowell A. Packer.

O. W. Rowland was called out by the toastmaster and gave a pleasant talk on the merits of the Paw Paw schools. His was the only impromptu response of the evening.

Bert F. Green, '88, spoke of "Modern Education." His position as an instructor at Hillsdale college peculiarly qualified him to make a fitting response to the toast that had been assigned to him.

The last number on the program was "Hard Times," responded to by Mrs. Zilpha Ferguson, '85. She did not throw the company into gloom by dwelling on the present condition of business affairs or the causes that have produced it, but spoke in a manner that dismissed the company in excellent good humor.

The new officers of the association were elected at a business meeting held after the commencement exercises Wednesday evening and are as follows: President—Frank Young. 1st Vice-President—R. E. Jennings. 2d "—Mabel Cummings. Secretary—Alice Bangs. Treasurer—Rena Van Fossen. Orator—Harry Myers. Alternate—Herbert Swan. Essayist—Clara S. Anderson. Alternate—Mrs. Minnie Azeitline.

The Grammar School.

The graduation exercises of the grammar department occurred at the opera house Thursday evening, according to the program previously published in the NORTHERNER.

The stage was draped in pink and white, the class colors, and above the stage hung the motto, "Thus ends our first lesson." A profusion of ferns and potted plants added beauty to the decorations.

Miss Ola Killefer opened the exercises with a nicely rendered piano selection, after which Rev. M. S. Waller offered prayer.

Miss Florence Shaefer recited "John Jay's Sermon" in a pleasing manner, and Ray Chappell gave a fine guitar solo.

Horace MacKellar, with the skill of a finished elocutionist, recited "The Engine Driver's Story."

Nettie Carr's declamation, "Our Flag," was excellent.

Mrs. E. H. Harvey and Miss Mattie Cooley, accompanied by Mrs. W. R. Sellick, sang a beautiful duet.

Inez Folsom's recitation, "Tom," was exceedingly well rendered.

Miss Jane Broughton sang a pleasing solo, accompanied by Miss Daisy Longwell on the piano and Miss Lena Packer on the violin.

Roy Cleveland's oration, "Ideals," would have done credit to a high school graduate, both in the matter it contained and in the manner of its delivery.

Miss Jennie Dillon gave a fine piano solo, after which Irene Beddo gave a witty class history.

Miss Rae Showerman, who has an excellent voice, sang a pretty solo.

Ros. Broughton, the class prophet, was unable to be present because of an accident while riding a bicycle, but his excellent oration was read by Horace MacKellar.

Charlie Burnham's valedictory, in rhyme, was well written and well rendered.

O. W. Rowland, president of the school board, conferred the diplomas, expressing the wish that every one of the class might stay in the Paw Paw schools and graduate from the high school in the class of 1900.

A number not on the program was the presentation to the grammar department teacher, Herbert More, of a gold pen, from the class. Miss Verne Hineckley made a neat presentation speech to which Mr. More briefly and feelingly responded.

The first part of the program closed with a male quartet by Messrs. Pepper, More, Chappell and Snow, the young men singing without accompaniment. They were generously applauded and the audience was disappointed at their refusal to sing another selection.

The second part of the program and the close of the evening's entertainment was a farce in which the faculty of a girls' select boarding school are endeavoring to keep up the prestige of the institution during the visit of one of their patrons, Mrs. Gushover, but are disappointed by the girls getting into trouble in trying to smuggle company into their rooms, only escaping detection by bribing the wit of Bridget, who drives them away as burglars. Following is the cast of characters:

Principal of school, Miss Praxis, Xenia Mason; visitor, Mrs. Gushover, Florence Shaefer; matron, Miss Sourton, Lena Rickard; school girls, Belle, Julia, Annie, Nettie, Jennie Dillon, Verne Hineckley, Etoile Allen, Ola Killefer; chambermaid, Bridget, Inez Folsom.

Following is a list of those who received diplomas entitling them to enter the high school:

Etoile Allen, Ros. Broughton, Chas. Bilsborrow, Roy Cleveland, Jennie Dillon, Irene Beddo, Chas. Burnham, Nettie Carr, Ray Chappell, Inez Folsom, Hugh Hurd, Verne Hineckley, Ola Killefer, Xenia Mason, Horace MacKellar, Earl Raleigh, Lena Rickard, Florence Shaefer.

Always in season, Hopkins' Steamed Hominy (hulled corn). Elegant lunch in milk. Qt. can, 10c.

Does Paw Paw Want a Railroad?

The question of whether or not Paw Paw and vicinity want a railroad seems to be about to be decided. For years we have built railroads on paper. For years we have wanted someone to make a "definite proposition," in order that we might give tangible evidence of our anxiety for a railroad. We now have such a proposition; it remains for the people of the town to avail themselves of it.

At the meeting of the village council and town board with the officers of the proposed electric road, last Wednesday, it was asked that the town give \$12,000 and the right of way. A similar proposition has been made to Decatur. Benton Harbor has voted to bond for \$15,000 for the benefit of the road, besides giving dockage for their boats and other valuable franchises.

Messrs. C. W. Young and Daniel Spicer were appointed a committee to go to Benton Harbor and investigate the project and its promoters, in the interest of our people. They went on Friday and, at a meeting Monday evening at the court house, made their report. They are quite confident the road will be built, and if Paw Paw does not get a hustle on and secure the road it will go down in our village history with a long list of neglected opportunities. The discouraging part of the enterprise so far, locally, is that so few of our substantial, leading citizens have attended the public meetings or manifested a lively interest in the enterprise.

Another meeting will be held next Monday evening at the court house, and every citizen, especially every taxpayer of this township, should be sure to attend. Our people should get together and see what we are able to do. We have an enabling act permitting the issuance of township bonds, and this may prove to be the very opportunity for making good use of that act. Farmers are as much interested as town people. Fruit growers realize at the present moment, perhaps as never before, the desirability of more shipping facilities.

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Probate Court Proceedings.

Following is a summary of the proceedings in Judge Heckert's court for the week ending June 30:

Estate of Emily Gibson, deceased; order denying prayer of petitioner. Estate of Hannah C. Keazy et al. minors; Rhoda K. Byrum appointed guardian.

Estate of Susan McNitt, deceased; petition for appointment of administrator; hearing July 27.

Board of Supervisors.

The committee on footing rolls submitted a report which was adopted showing the total acreage of the county to be 382,571.58. The average acreage per township, outside of South Haven, is 21,837; South Haven contains 11,345 acres, practically just half a township. The assessed valuation of real estate of the county is \$10,891,010; of personal property, \$1,622,535; total \$12,513,545.

The county was equalized, as heretofore, on a basis of \$12,000,000. The report of the committee on equalization, which was adopted without a dissenting vote, is as follows:

TOWNSHIP.	AS-SESSED.	DEDUCTED.	ADDED.	EQUALIZED.
Almena.....	\$44,650	\$.....	\$20,350	\$65,000
Arlington.....	72,515	47,215	.....	119,730
Antwerp.....	74,425	9,475	.....	83,900
Bangor.....	88,215	87,215	.....	795,000
Bloomington.....	92,465	49,950	.....	635,000
Covert.....	32,210	12,800	.....	199,000
Columbia.....	39,765	13,865	.....	365,000
Decatur.....	95,125	13,715	.....	840,000
Geneva.....	49,940	39,940	.....	155,000
Hamilton.....	52,540	5,490	.....	590,000
Hartford.....	97,775	27,775	.....	975,000
Lawrence.....	79,450	.....	67,500	800,000
Porter.....	70,740	37,450	.....	670,000
South Haven.....	47,550	20,550	.....	155,000
Paw Paw.....	13,950	8,950	.....	140,000
South Haven.....	84,945	79,945	.....	770,000
Waverly.....	49,500	.....	4200	500,000
Total.....	1,251,540	583,850	64,640	12,000,000

As compared with the equalization of last year, no change was made in the following townships: Bangor, Bloomington, Covert, Hamilton, Hartford, Keeler and Porter. The following townships had their valuation increased to wit: Decatur, \$10,000; Lawrence, \$5,000; Pine Grove, \$15,000; Lawrence, \$5,000; South Haven, \$20,000. The valuation of the remaining townships was decreased as follows: Almena, \$25,000; Antwerp, \$10,000; Arlington, \$5,000; Columbia, \$10,000; Paw Paw, \$30,000; Waverly, \$5,000.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted: Whereas—The state board of equalization held in the city of Lansing in 1891, equalized the county of Van Buren at the sum of fifteen millions dollars, and whereas, said county being largely an agricultural one, and containing no manufacturing interests of any magnitude, and whereas, the value of farming lands has greatly depreciated during the past five years, in said county, and whereas, said county is now assessed by its respective supervisors upon a cash basis, honestly made showing the actual cash value of all property within said county, both real and personal, to be nearly two and one-half millions dollars less than the amount at which said county is now equalized by said state board of equalization, and whereas, much of the real estate said county does not and will not sell for the price at which it is assessed by the local supervisors as shown by the records and transfers of property in the office of the register of deeds in said county: Therefore, be it resolved by the board of supervisors of Van Buren county in session assembled that the state board of equalization be and it is hereby requested and urged to place the equalized valuation of said county at a sum commensurate with the value of the property in said county, as shown by its assessment rolls and the facts set forth in this preamble.

Supervisor Johnson of South Haven was appointed to represent the county at the meeting of the state board of equalization, in August next.

After closing up the business of the session on Friday morning, the board adjourned until the second Monday in October.

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Additional Local.

D. W. Noyes was in Kalamazoo, Tuesday.

Frank Gilbert of Chicago is visiting Paw Paw friends. Mrs. Gilbert has been here for some time.

Married, by Justice Warner, Thursday, June 22, Fred I. Norton to Miss Della Van Camp, both of Hartford.

There will be a ball game at the Paw Paw grounds, Thursday afternoon, July 2, at 3:30, between Paw Paw and Lawton. A good game is assured.

On the premises occupied by Mrs. Ella Harrison, is a small cherry tree that bore an astonishing crop of fine fruit, which is just being harvested.

Drs. Hochstein and Van Zwaluwenberg of Kalamazoo and Belknap of Niles were here to testify in the case of Salisbury against the Whalen estate.

D. J. Treat and wife came over Sunday from Decatur. Mrs. Treat remained, the guest of her parents, to attend the Y. P. S. C. E. convention.

Rev. Thos. E. Barr, who preached the baccalaureate sermon here this year, has resigned the pastorate of the Congregational church at Kalamazoo.

Dr. C. J. Staake was married at Galesburg, Thursday afternoon, June 25, to Miss Lulu Corey of that place, who is one of Galesburg's fairest daughters.

Justice Warner bound over the three alleged sellers of budge at Bankson's Lake, when their examination was concluded last Wednesday. Their bail was fixed at \$300 each, which was promptly furnished.

Because of the occasional appearance of extended obituaries in the columns of this paper, some people seem to think that such things are published without charge. Such is not the case, as such articles are uniformly paid for at regular line rates.

Berry shippers are disheartened at the low prices, barely paying the expense of picking, crating and shipping. One man received 15 cents above expenses on a shipment of 20 crates, and some are not so fortunate as that. All who have facilities for so doing are drying their berries.

The board of supervisors is entitled to credit for the changes made in the equalization of county taxes. The burdens of the several townships are made much more just than they have been heretofore. The equalization is the best made for years and, although there are inequalities yet existing, we believe the equalization will be fairly satisfactory.

The county convention of the new national party was held at the court house in this village yesterday afternoon. Not a great many delegates were present. A resolution was adopted to abandon the old prohibition party and unite with the nationalists. A temporary committee was appointed, consisting of F. W. Corbett, chairman; C. E. Hutchins, secretary; J. W. Free, treasurer. N. W. Lewis and J. H. Reese were appointed delegates to the state convention.

The railroad project seems to be coming rapidly to a focus. Mr. Brown was here again yesterday, and says that the sale of the bonds was absolutely provided for by Mr. Deam in Chicago last week, leaving nothing at all in the way of commencing work immediately. The stockholders will meet in Benton Harbor to-day to perfect a permanent organization of the company. Work of construction will commence on the Benton Harbor end next Monday morning. Paw Paw must be on the line.

The county christian endeavor convention now in progress at the Disciple church in this place, is a great success. The program is being carried out practically as previously published in the NORTHERNER. The address last evening by Prof. Hamilton King of Olivet college, on "American Citizenship," was one of the finest addresses of the character ever delivered to a Paw Paw audience—and the church was filled. A specially interesting program is on for this afternoon, and another fine address is assured this evening from Dr. J. A. Johnston of Kalamazoo. The music is a feature of the convention.

New Suits.

Trophina Goodenough vs. Charles Maxon; trespass, Heckert & Chandler. Trophina Goodenough vs. James McLain; replevin, Heckert & Chandler. Trophina Goodenough vs. Charles Maxon; replevin, Heckert & Chandler. John W. Free, as adm'r, vs. Lyman Hineckley; assumpsit, T. J. Cavanaugh. Dillon E. Williams vs. Adelbert E. Warren et al; bill to perfect mechanics lien. Johnson & Wicksall.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate were recorded in the register's office during the past week:

J. C. Phillips to Wm. Campbell; 40 a n e q 16 Hamilton; \$300. Bartel Schreuder to Stella J. Chad-dock; lot 3 block 1 Home add South Haven; \$300. Ruth A. Gesler to L. P. Beardsley; 1 a sec 33 Columbia; \$175. Adelia M. Johnson to Anna Sheridan; lot 71 Breedsville; \$1.

Marriage Licenses.

Johnnie H. Miller, 23; Ella Day, 28, both of Hartford.

Fred H. Norton, 21; Della Van Camp, 17, both of Hartford.

Owen Ebert, 63, Hartford; Amanda E. Cooper, 56, Bangor.

Charles Scott, 34, Bangor; Gracie Gowans, 30, Covert.

Norman Dell, 34; Ida Deckard, 18, both of Hartford.

Henry F. Kettler, 40; Berta Keitser, 26, both of Keeler.

Edward G. Carney, 22, Decatur; Maggie Alker, 21, Detroit.

William Horton, 24; Effie Goodrich, 22, both of Decatur.

Fred C. Lockwood, 30, Mattawan; Della M. Knoff, 27, Primrose, O.

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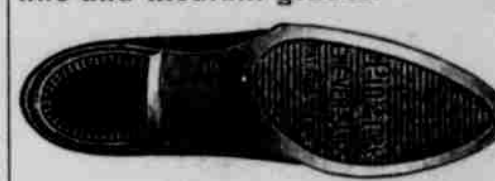
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